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Board of Inquiry - His Honour, Judge L. A. Deziel

Appearance:

E. Marshall Pollock,

Counsel for The Ontario Human Rights Commission.

To The Ontario Human Rights Commission and to The Honourable Dalton Bales, Minister of Labour of the Province of Ontario.

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to my appointment by the Minister of Labour on the 17th day of May, 1967, as a Board of Inquiry under the Ontario Human Rights Code to inquire into the above-mentioned complaint, I arranged for a hearing to be held on Tuesday, the 27th day of June, 1967, in Committee Room No. 1 in the Parliament Buildings at Queens Park in the City of Toronto.

After opening the hearing I considered it advisable to meet with Mrs. Katharine Bolton and her son Stanley Bolton who were named in the complaint. After explaining the nature of the proposed hearing both vigorously denied any intention of discriminating against the complainant or anyone else.

It became apparent to me from comments made by counsel for the Commission that there was in fact no case to be made out against the Boltons but I was able to get an agreement from the Boltons that a statement would be made in the open hearing that there was no intention by either of them to discriminate against the complainant and further that they would undertake to abide by The Human Rights Code and post a copy of the

Commission's placard in the apartment building owned by them. When the Board reconvened such a statement was made by Mr. Bolton for the record and Dr. Hill expressed satisfaction with the statement and I thereupon declared the matter disposed of by settlement.

Subsequent to the hearing I explained to the complainant the position of the Commission and its lack of evidence and explained that the statement made by the Boltons was in fact a voluntary statement indicating their goodwill and their intention to abide by the Human Rights Code, and the complainant appeared to be satisfied with the outcome. No further action should be taken in this matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(signed) L. A. Deziel

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DATED at Windsor, Ontario, this 4th day of July, 1967.

